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**DRAMATICS ENTHUSIASTS**

All employees of the Department who are interested in forming an Agriculture Players Group are urged to meet on May 2, at 5:30 p.m. in the Ag. Auditorium. Technicians in stage production, direction, lighting, make-up, props, and costuming will be needed as well as actors.

Mr. Harold Wentworth will be present at this meeting and will speak to the group regarding his experiences in the theater. Mr. Wentworth is the Director of the Crossroads Summer Theater; he has directed for the Central Players of the D. C. Recreation Dept.; and he is a member of the former National Theater Players Company.

**DRIVERS, PLEASE NOTE**

If you want your gasoline application certified, please see Mrs. West in room 528, Administration Bldg., between 4:15 and 5:15. Be sure your application is completed and that your passengers have signed it before you request certification. If you don't have enough passengers or need a rotator, call 3105 for assistance in building up your car pool.

In the event that you work more than the usual twenty-six days a month and require gas for the extra days, bring a letter signed by your supervisor with your application. This letter should be addressed to the proper War Price and Rationing Board and should state the number of extra days you worked during the past three months and the number of extra days you contemplate working during the next three months.

If you work irregular hours and this prevents your carrying passengers, a letter addressed as above and signed by your supervisor should state the number of days during the past three months that you worked irregular hours and the number of days you expect to work irregular hours during the next three months.

Your cooperation in this will mean better service for everyone.

## SPRING EXCURSIONS

Now that spring is well on its way we all want to get out of doors and watch nature return to life. We are especially interested in hikes, bicycle excursions, and horseback riding. Why not plan a hike for next Sunday from Rosslyn to Chain Bridge along the Virginia side of the Potomac, or along the District side of the river on the tow path from Key Bridge to Chain Bridge. A walk to the zoo from Titanic Memorial at New Hampshire Ave. and Rock Creek Parkway would be a hike with an interesting climax. Rock Creek Park is lovely at this time of year, so one Sunday, let's walk from Klinge Rd. or Beach Dr. to Kennedy St.

If you are a bicycle enthusiast and you don't have a bicycle, why not rent one? Some of the rental agencies are: Welfare Bike Rental Academy, 14th and Haines Pt. Dr. (opposite Jefferson Memorial). There's also a Rent A Bike Shop at 2100 E St., N.W., and another, the Riverside Bicycle Academy, at 400 26th St., N.W.

Some interesting bike trips would be from Key Bridge or Memorial Bridge to Mt. Vernon. For an excursion thru Maryland leave from the District side of Key Bridge and pedal to Cabin John, or go from Rock Creek Parkway to Kensington.

For those who are interested in horseback riding get a horse at the Potomac Riding School at 2615 D St., N.W., and ride either in Rock Creek or Potomac Parks. There are also riding academies in Maryland and Virginia from which interesting trips may be made.

## TUESDAY EVENINGS OF ART AND MUSIC

The Corcoran Gallery of Art has planned programs of art and music for four successive Tuesday evenings, beginning April 18, and ending May 9. This is an excellent opportunity for us to see some of our great art treasures and to hear fine musical programs. The Gallery will be open from 7:00 until 10:00 and the musical program will begin at 8:15.

If you enjoy art or music or both, show your interest by attending one or more of the programs. Your bureau contact officer can obtain free tickets for you. If interest is shown the programs probably will be continued.

## INVITATION TO A DANCE

Senators and Congressman are inviting their home folks to a War Savings Stamp Dance to be given by Senate and House pages at the Shoreham Hotel, May 1, from 9 til 12. Come informal - stag or drag. A limited supply of free tickets are available in room 528, phone 3105.

## STATE SOCIETY DANCES

At the Shoreham, 10 til 1  
 May 2 - Pennsylvania  
 May 5 - Georgia  
 May 10 - New York  
 May 13 - North Carolina

At the Statler, 9 til 12:30  
 May 6 - Colorado

## EDUCATION

There are many educational opportunities in Washington and summer courses are beginning soon. If you've been intending to go to school again, but just haven't gotten around to it, why not enroll now for a summer session? The universities in and around Washington and the business schools are getting ready to begin their regular summer sessions as well as a number of accelerated and short courses. Your bureau contact officers have information about the locations of schools and the types of education offered by each school. If you need assistance in deciding what type of course would be most beneficial to you, ask your contact officer to give you the name of your bureau educational counselor.

The Public Library of the District of Columbia advertises a number of informal courses of study. At the Georgetown, Petworth and Southeast branches of the Library, Spanish linguaphone records and textbooks are available for individual or group use.

The D. C. Recreation Department offers foreign language classes at 12th and L Sts., N.W., on Tuesday nights. Beginners' Spanish at 8 p.m. and advanced Spanish at 7 p.m. Classes in Gaelic are held at 7:30, and Polish class is from 7:00 till 9:00. A small fee is charged for Spanish classes.

## FOR OUR EMPLOYEES OVERSEAS

Agriculture Post members have pledged their cooperation in sending their copies of the National Legionnaire to their comrades overseas as soon as they finish reading them. This will keep the boys now in the service informed regarding legislation of interest to them after they once more put on "civies." It will also tell them of the many Legion activities into which they will be welcomed when the war is over. The Post has also decided to send our own Employees' News Bulletin and other publications of interest to those overseas.

In order to assist the Legion in this project for the boys overseas, the Office of Personnel requests your cooperation by sending the names and addresses of any of our former employees who are now overseas to your bureau contact officer.

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Agriculture Post congratulated Charles P. Derryberry at its recent meeting upon his receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross for his achievement in accomplishment of over fifty missions piloting an unarmed transport plane across heavily defended enemy territory. The former Sgt. Derryberry is now in the Office of Distribution. The medal and citation were presented at Bolling Field on April 4, 1944.



## MORE ABOUT MUSIC

The Second Annual Spring Concert of the U. S. Navy School of Music will be given in Constitution Hall, Thursday, May 4, at 8:15 p.m.

The concert is under the direction of Lt. (jg) J. M. Thurmond and will feature the 110 piece concert band and the 100 voice chorus.

## FOR A BUREAU OR CLUB DANCE

Here is an excellent opportunity for bureaus or clubs to schedule free ballroom facilities.

Miss Lucy Landry, director of the U.S.O. Club at 1814 N St., N.W., announces that dances may be scheduled by special groups in agencies now for Wednesday evenings beginning May 3. The facilities of the Club are free and the ballroom accommodates 250 people. This is a most attractive club and if you are interested in scheduling such dances, call NA 8906. Service men may be invited through the cooperation of the Club.

## FIGHTING COAST GUARD PROGRAM

The popular Fighting Coast Guard radio program which has been presented at local service hospitals for the past two Thursday evenings will return to the Departmental Auditorium on April 27. It will be presented from the Auditorium every Thursday evening in May except May 18. See your bureau contact officer for free tickets.

## CAR POOL

Want rides

Mrs. Crocker, 1457 Park Rd., N.W. Ext. 3185

Miss L. Bruce, Meridian Hill Hotel, Ext. 5595

Arthur Kulp, 2012 Monroe, N.E. Ext. 4489

Mildred Shirley, 22nd & Quincy, N.E., Ext. 5180

Miss Lavender, 1661 Crescent Pl., N.W. Ext. 4071

Harry Cohen, 1503 Hamilton, N.W., Ext. 5100

Miss Hotis, 2219 Otis St., N.E. Ext. 2360

Mrs. Smoot, Lee Hwy. & Fla., Ext. 6004

Miss Brand, 308 W. Clifton Terr., Ext. 2423

Mrs. Marlowe, 3023-14th, N.W., Ext. 2684

G. Hermann, 16th & Lamont, N.W., Ext. 4853

C. Dolan, 2300 E, N.W., Ext. 6265

Mrs. Watt, Langley, Va., Ext. 5469

Want rotaters

Miss Reynolds, Kensington, Md., Ext. 5810

Ben Pubols, 1801 N. 14th St.,

Arlington, Va. Ext. 4126

E. R. Draheim, 4622 - 1st St., S.,

Arlington, Va., Ext. 5291

Want riders

John T. Grigsby, 3129 Oliver, N.W., Ext. 4939

J. B. Goding, Columbia Pike beyond Clarendon, Ext. 5564

Miss Reynolds, Kensington, Ext. 5810